

Speaker Stages

Meet Your Favorite Travel Celebrities and Learn the Most Up To Date Travel Information You can't Find Anywhere Else.

There has never been a more important time to learn the insider travel information directly from the experts. You'll receive the most relevant and up to date advice, itinerary-driven content, as well as the top tips that you can't find anywhere else.

Check back often as speaker information is being updated daily!

4 Theaters and Over 40+ Sessions

Travel Theater: Meet the top travel celebrities in the industry in hour-long sessions, all in one place. Followed by a live Q&A session, you'll have the opportunity to have all of your questions answered, straight from the biggest names in travel.

Destination Theater: From where to go and when to go, to what to do and how to get there, destination experts will give you the in depth information you need to travel like a local.

Savvy Traveler Theater: Showcasing travel tips, tricks and actionable advice, you'll learn how to travel like a pro straight from the experts. Topics include packing tips, technology skills, travel safety methods, budget travel hacks, etc.

Content Creator Workshop – FAM-TAS Meeting Theater: Join industry experts as they share with you their experiences, tips, and advice to pursue a career as a Content Creator...Travel Writing, Blogging, Influencer, Photography and more.

Speakers and schedule are subject to change without prior notice, please check back often for updates.



Saturday, March 19th

Sunday, March 20th

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10:15 am – 10:45 am Destination Theater

Alaska, Fantastic in Every Season!

David Kasser, *Senior Vice-President of Sales, Alaska Land & Sea Adventures*

Local experts from Anchorage, Alaska share tips on what makes Anchorage a great year-round travel destination! Learn about Aurora viewing, winter adventure tours, and new summer adventure as well!! Make this year... ALASKA!



10:30 am – 11:30 am Travel Theater

Samantha's Tips for Making Travel Count

Emmy Award-Winning Host, *Samantha Brown's Places to Love*

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



10:15 am – 11:00 am

Savvy Traveler Theater

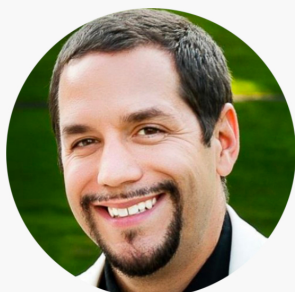
Frequent Miler on the Stage: The 10 Best Awards Bookable Today

Greg Davis-Kean, *the Frequent Miler*

Nick Reyes, *Senior Author, the Frequent Miler*

Julia Menez, *Founder of Geobreeze*

Use your points and miles towards incredible value. With a combination of humor and analysis, Greg and Nick will bring to the stage the formula that makes their Frequent Miler on the Air podcast so popular.



10:30 am – 11:30 am

Content Creator Workshop – FAM-TAS Meeting Theater

Traveling Writing and Photography for Beginners

Max Hartshorne, *Editor at GoNOMAD.com*

Paul Shoul, *Travel Photographer*

Panelists Max Hartshorne, Editor at GoNOMAD.com, Paul Shoul, Travel Photographer will provide tips and advice about the travel publishing market, both online and print. Whether new to travel, writing, or already a blogger, they'll give tips about getting published and shooting better photos to enhance your stories.



11:15 am – 11:45 am

Destination Theater

Your Happy Place

Natasha Lee Soy, *Sales Manager, NY, NJ & CT, Aruba Tourism Authority*

Come and learn about the One Happy Island Aruba, Your Happy Place. If you have never been to Aruba, you will learn why we welcome all to this luxury island that is seventy square miles of fun. If you have vacationed in Aruba, you will learn some new hidden gems and activities waiting to be discovered. Aruba has something for everyone: singles, couples & families of all ages. Aruba is the perfect, 'foodie paradise'. Perfect weather year-round for destination weddings, honeymoons and activities on land and sea.



11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Savvy Traveler Theater

The Best Travel & Packing Tips for Today's World

Angel Castellanos, *World Travel Expert, Writer/TV Host* AngelsTravelLounge.com

The World and travel have dramatically changed. You can still make your next trip, the next best trip of your life and "Travel Like a Pro"! Angel Castellanos, The Travel Ambassador, delivers his updated popular and energetic talk on packing tips & savvy travel skills drawing from his experience as a full-time professional traveler – even during the pandemic. This highly informative talk is updated from Angel's extensive travels and "packed" with the most up to date savvy travel tips and inspirational stories from all over the world to help travelers travel smarter, better and cheaper. Angel will deliver the best travel tips on changes in tourism, health safety, de-stressing the airport experience, saving money, sightseeing hacks, traveling with technology and of course updated packing tips for today's world! No matter your level of experience, you are bound to come away with practical, current travel tips. The packing demonstration included in this talk is one you do not want to miss. Packing in a carry on? After this presentation, packing in any bag will not be a problem! Join us for this insightful and dynamic presentation. Travel smart, well and often! www.AngelsTravelLounge.com



12 Noon – 12:30 pm

Destination Theater

The Islands of Tahiti: Reconnect with Paradise

Kristin Carlson, *Managing Director, Tahiti Tourisme North America*

The Islands of Tahiti are open to travel and more accessible than ever. If this has been a bucket list destination for you then this is the time to make it happen. Join us for a presentation that will inspire you to visit Tahiti. We will be joined by Kristin Carlson, Managing Director of Tahiti Tourisme North America.



the time has never been better to plan your dream trip to this untouched paradise. we can help you get started with this informative presentation for the first-time traveler or returning voyager looking to explore more of the 118 islands that make up The Islands of Tahiti. Your trip of a lifetime is beckoning you and it begins here.



12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Travel Theater

The Longest Way Home

Andrew McCarthy, *Actor, Director, Award-Winning Travel Writer*

Join Andrew to hear about his personal journey and how travel and self-reflection changed his life. Aside from his successful acting and directing careers, he is now a successful writer and editor at large for National Geographic Traveler. He'll discuss fear of the unknown, taking the time to enjoy the precious moments in life, pushing yourself to try new things, and looking at the world with new eyes.

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



12:30 pm – 1:15 pm

Savvy Traveler Theater

2022 Travel and Beyond: An Insider's Guide to Europe, Mexico, and Bucketlist Cruises Today

Sarah Dandashy, *Travel Expert + Creator Ask A Concierge*

Ready to travel again? Travel expert, author, and former award-winning Concierge, Sarah Dandashy shares what the travel landscape looks like from an insider's perspective, as well as her personal experiences cruising in Antarctica, visiting the beaches in Mexico, and flying to Europe. Covering what the current travel experience is like and best practices for a smooth trip, she'll also share some of the biggest trends in travel that we can expect in 2022.



12:45 pm – 1:15 pm

Destination Theater

Your Own Italy – Private Travel Perfected

Carmen Carbonell, *President Your Own Italy*

For those who want to experience the real Italy, join me as I share my love for Italy, with the heart and soul of the culture and its people. Your Own Italy focuses on "living like a local" from staying in small boutique hotels, apartments in historic centers and villas in Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast. You will enjoy privately guided tours that include the main historical sites, archeological marvels, famous art museums, but also off-the-beaten path wine tastings and hands-on cooking classes in family-owned villas, walking city food tours, and cultural experiences like village festivals throughout Italy.





1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Destination Theater

Cruising into the Future with a Panel of Cruise Experts

Moderator: Montana Fee, *Senior Sales Manager, Cruise Planners*

Panelists: Andrea Loyola, *National Account Manager, Norwegian Cruise Line*

Danielle Manegio, *Sales Manager, Virgin Voyages*

Steve Batjiaka, *Business Development Manager, Ama Waterways*

Corey Wallace, *National Account Manager, Celebrity Cruises*

Join a panel of cruise line experts from Norwegian Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruises, Virgin Voyages and Ama Waterways to learn more about cruising, top destinations and new ships!



1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

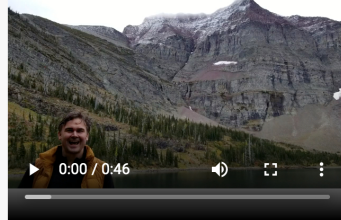
Savvy Traveler Theater

99 Ways to Cut Your Travel Costs – Without Skimping



Russell Hannon, *Ultra-Economical Travel Expert, Break the Travel Barrier*

Known for wowing TV and radio audiences with untold budget travel tips, Ultra-Economical Travel Expert Russell Hannon from breakthetravelbarrier.com offers 99 ways to quickly and easily find the best and least expensive travel options for you. No matter what your travel type is, or where you want to go, you will leave with dozens of practical tips and tricks you can put to work right away to save.



1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Content Creator Workshop – FAM-TAS Meeting Theater

Travel Content Creator 101

Beth Santos, *Founder and CEO, Wanderful*

Thinking of starting a blog or hoping to build a career as a content creator? There's so much to love about sharing your journey with a devoted audience and getting to travel for free is definitely a high perk on the list! But don't pack your backpack just yet — there's a lot to do to build up your creator career first, and you don't want to miss any of it.

In this workshop, led by blogger-turned entrepreneur Beth Santos who's the founder of leading travel creator community Wanderful and the annual WITS Travel Creator + Brand Summit, you'll learn some of the key time and energy-saving steps to starting your career as a travel creator. You'll get a kickstart in identifying your purpose and pitch, tips to zeroing in on your channels, and a look at the many ways to make money and build a lasting business. Plus, you'll leave with a worksheet and loads of freebies to get your brain churning!



2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Travel Theater

A Special Report from the Master Road Warrior: The Brave New World of *Smart* Travel, Where You Can Go, and Where You **MUST** Go, in the Next Year

Peter Greenberg, *Emmy Award-Winning Investigative Reporter and Producer and CBS News Travel Editor*

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Destination Theater

Discover Dominican Republic, a Corner of Paradise

Fernando J. Abreu, *Director, Dominican Republic Tourism Board*

Dominican Republic is the second largest and most diverse Caribbean country. Known for our warm and hospitable people, Dominican Republic is a destination like no other, featuring astounding nature, intriguing history, and rich culture. Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north and the Caribbean Sea on the south, our lush tropical island paradise boasts nearly 1,000 miles (1,609 km) of coastline, 250 miles (402 km) of the world's top beaches, magnificent resorts and hotels, and a variety of sports, recreation, and entertainment options. Here you can dance to the pulse pounding thrill of the merengue, renew in our luxurious and diverse accommodations, explore ancient relics of centuries past, delight in delicious Dominican gastronomy or enjoy ecotourism adventures in our magnificent national parks, mountain ranges, rivers, and beaches.



2:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Savvy Traveler Theater

Sustainable Travel: Making Smart Choices for the Environment & Communities We Visit

Moderator: Mike & Anne Howard, *The World's Longest Honeymooners*, Founders of [HoneyTrek](#), and [National Geographic Authors & Photographers](#)

Panelists: Oksana St. John, *Editor-in-Chief, Award-Winning Sustainable Blog*, [DrinkTeaTravel.com](#)

Angel Castellanos, *World Travel Expert, Writer/TV Host* [AngelsTravelLounge.com](#)

Vincie Ho, *Founder & Executive Director*, [RISE Travel Institute](#)

Want to travel and do right by the planet? Led by National Geographic authors and the founders of HoneyTrek, with travel experts from Drink Tea & Travel, The Travel Ambassador, and RISE Travel Institute, this panel discussion will inform your trip planning and decision-making to lower your carbon footprint, support local communities, and have a positive impact wherever you go. You will learn the best websites, apps, booking platforms, packing essentials, and a myriad of ways to make your travels more sustainable—and rewarding!

Book Signing to Follow



3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

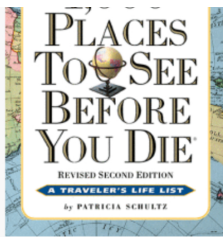
Destination Theater

20 Places to See in the USA Before You Die

Patricia Schultz, *Author, 1,000 Places to See Before You Die and 1,000 Places to See in the United States and Canada Before You Die*

Autograph Signing Immediately Following





3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

Savvy Traveler Theater

Take Your Dream Vacation to the Next Level with Private Tours...Spend a Little More and Get a Whole Lot in Return

Julian Douglas, *Travel Writer, Photographer, and Experience Curator*, ***Listen, Journey, Savor***

Whether you're looking to explore ancient sights and museums or eat your way across the Italian countryside in a Ferrari, Julian will share how he's learned to fully maximize what Private Tours have to offer. Your trip really is just that, "your trip." Do the things you've always dreamed of doing, have once in a lifetime experiences, and check off that Bucket List. Today's Private Tours are more attainable and less expensive than ever before, so skip the lines and fully experience all that your destination has to offer. If you can dream it, a Private Tour will make it happen.



4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Travel Theater

A Return to Travel

Pauline Frommer, *Editorial Director of The Frommer's Guides and Publisher of Frommers.com*

The world is as exciting as ever, but major destinations have changed in many ways over the course of the pandemic. Frommer will discuss how to plan the most appealing vacations for this unusual moment, covering everything from insurance issues to airfares and accommodations, from cultural shifts to modes of travel (tours, cruises, experiential attractions and more). And with pricing all over the map right now, she'll also help you find the best values, whether you're vacationing in the lap of luxury, roughing it, or doing something in between.

Autograph Signing Immediately Following

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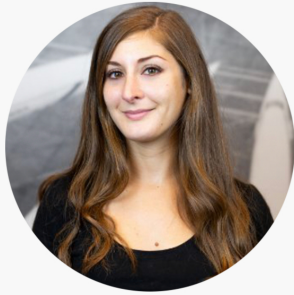
Destination Theater

It's STILL Better in The Bahamas

Rissie Demeritte, *Area Sales Manager, Bahamas Tourism Office New York*

Ready set go...to The Bahamas! Attendees will be taken on whirlwind trip through the islands of The Bahamas all from the comfort of their seats.





4:45 pm – 5:30 pm

Savvy Traveler Theater

Tips and Tricks for Making Every Trip Easier — and More Luxurious

Melanie Lieberman, *Senior Travel Editor, The Points Guy*

From credit card perks to elite status benefits, here's how travelers can maximize their travel experiences.



5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Destination Theater

Why Galapagos is Your Ideal Travel Destination

Klaus Fielsch, *Product Manager, MetroJourneys*

Now, more than ever, the Galápagos Islands is the ideal destination. Isolated but accessible, but above all safe and extraordinary. When is the best month to travel? Is Galapagos a safe Family Destination? What should you know before booking a life changing expedition to Galapagos?



